



CITY SNIPPETS

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Art. Music. Theatre. When it comes to the arts, there's a lot to love in Hickory. Join us this September as we celebrate our Hickory brand partners and the arts with a great lineup of events and performances that will have you agreeing...I heART Hickory.

SAILS ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES

The Sails Original Music Series, sponsored by Frye Regional Medical Center, returns this fall. Enjoy free concerts of live music downtown every Friday in September and October (except October 8 due to Oktoberfest). Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. on Union Square. For the band lineup and additional event details, please visit www.hickorync.gov/sailsmusic or www.facebook.com/sailsmusic/.

CELEBRATION OF THE UNTOUCHABLES

The United Arts Council of Catawba County will celebrate the completion of public art honoring The Untouchables with a special event on Saturday, September 4, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Samuel William Davis Sr. Multipurpose Field at Taft Broome Park. A screening of The Untouchables documentary will start at 11 a.m. in the Brown Penn Recreation Center, followed by lunch.

AUTOLAWN

Admire the classic lines of the road's number one traveler – the automobile – at the Hickory Museum of Art's annual Autolawn Party. This European classic car show will take place on the SALT Block Lawn on Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's theme features the roadster (also known as

spider or spyder), an open two-seat car with emphasis on sporting appearance or character. And don't forget to check out the museum's juniorHMA and Paul de Longpré exhibitions before they close September 19.

SOMETHING ROTTEN

Described as a musical comedy for people who don't take Shakespeare too seriously, "Something Rotten" follows brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom as they set out to write the world's very first musical. Catch performances at the Hickory Community Theatre on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, August 27 through September 11.

SIDE/SHOW & DOWNTOWN ART CRAWL

The Western Piedmont Symphony's popular Side/Show event and the Downtown Hickory Art Crawl will cover downtown with sights and sounds on Thursday, September 9. Presented by the Hickory Downtown Development Association, the Art Crawl begins at 5 p.m., with the musical performances of Side/Show taking place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at various locations throughout downtown.

VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Lenoir-Rhyne University's Visiting Writers Series will return on Thursday, September 16, with award-winning author, poet, and performer Keith Flynn. Then on Thursday, September 23, the series will feature readings and discussions from the first and second place winners of the Footcandle Film Festival's screenwriting contest. Visit www.lr.edu/VWS for more event details.

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

The Sails Original Music Series will present a special performance in Taft Broome Park on Saturday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m., as part of Festival in the Park. Before the concert, the festival will offer games, vendor booths, bounce houses, and other fun activities from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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FOOTCANDLE FILM FESTIVAL

The Footcandle Film Festival returns to Hickory September 22 - 26 with both in-person and online, virtual screenings of 10 feature-length films and between 15-25 short films during the course of the festival weekend.

WALKING TOGETHER: A CELEBRATION OF THE HICKORY TRAIL

The Hickory Choral Society will sing a selection of songs related to journeys, walking, and bridges in a pops concert on Sunday, September 26, starting at 5 p.m. under The Sails on the Square.

HICKORY AMONG BEST & MOST AFFORDABLE PLACES TO LIVE

Hickory ranks among the best places to live in the state and the most affordable metros in America, according to a new report. U.S. News & World Report analyzed the 150 most populous metro areas to find the best places to live and released the new 2021-2022 rankings in July. To make the top of the list, a place had to have good value, be a desirable place to live, have a strong job market, and provide a high quality of life.

With a low cost of living, the Hickory MSA ranked No. 4 in Most Affordable Places to Live in the United States. This ranking is based on the median gross rent and annual housing costs for mortgage-paying homeowners of each metro. Additionally, Hickory ranked No. 5 in Best Places to Live in North Carolina and No. 52 overall in Best Places to Live in the United States.



MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels of Catawba County has an urgent need for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Hickory. The commitment is for 60-90 minutes, once a month. Routes are picked up at West Hickory Senior Center and First United Methodist Church, Hickory at 10:30 a.m. If you are able to help feed our senior neighbors, please call 828-695-5610 or apply online at www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/social-services/forms/volunteer-application/.

HOMELESSNESS



DON'T

Provide resources directly to homeless persons.**

How can I help and truly make a difference?



ACKNOWLEDGE

Talk with respect. Homeless people are PEOPLE too.



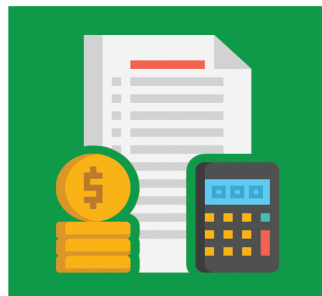
VOLUNTEER

Volunteer your time and services to local charities.



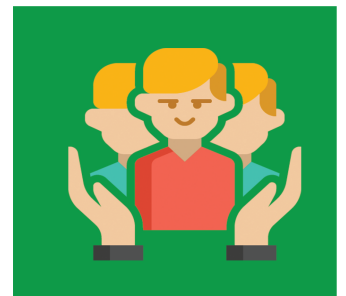
LEARN ABOUT COMMON CONTRIBUTING ISSUES

Abuse, abandonment, addiction, mental health, cost of housing, employment



DONATE

Give to reputable organizations who are working to address the root causes of homelessness



ENCOURAGE

Encourage homeless persons to obtain help from local charities, shelters and 211

**Make your resources count! Don't give resources directly to homeless persons. Instead, give to established organizations that can help with physical needs as well as mental and addiction issues that may be preventing the person from breaking free from homelessness.

Hickory Police Department

Contact our department for more information on our
Community Navigator Program.

828-324-2060

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